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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PROGRESS REPORT

PROJECTS COMPLETED

1. SE-8: Possible Communist Objectives in Proposing a Cease Fire in Korea. Published 6 July.
2. NIE-25: Probable Soviet Courses of Action to Mid-1952. Published 2 August.
3. NIE-32: Effects of Operations in Korea on the Internal Situation in Communist China. Published 10 July.
4. NIE-34: Spain's Potentialities in Western Defense. Published 30 July.
5. NIE-36: Prospects for Survival of a Non-Communist Regime in Burma. Published 1 August.

CANCELLED

7. NIE-37: Likelihood of a Soviet Invasion of Japan during 1951.

PROJECTS IN PROCESS

A. Intelligence Estimates

8. SE-9: Probable Developments in the Far East Following a Failure in the Cease-Fire Negotiations in Korea.

Priority:* Crash

*Priorities used in decreasing order of urgency
are: Crash, Urgent, High, Routine and Deferred.

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Estimated Date of Publication: 1 August

Status: Before the IAC.

9. NIE-23: India's Position in the East-West Conflict

Priority: Routine

Estimated Date of Publication: Mid August

Status: Scheduled in January on the initiative of the National Estimates Board. Terms of reference were circulated on 27 March. All contributions were received by 30 April. A Staff draft was discussed by the Board on 25 June, has now been revised and is being reconsidered by the Board.

10. NIE-31: Capability of the USSR for a Clandestine Attack on the United States with Weapons of Mass Destruction.

Priority: Routine

Estimated Date of Publication: Mid August

Status: Scheduled on 2 April at the request of ONI. An O/SI preliminary draft is being revised on the basis of a series of discussions with representatives of AEC, Bureaus of Animal Industry and Entomology (Department of Agriculture), Customs Bureau, the Coast Guard, Chemical Corps (U. S. Army), Civil Defense, FBI, GSA, and Public Health Service.

11. NIE-33: European Satellite Power Complex.

Priority: Routine

Estimated Date of Publication: Undetermined

Status: Scheduled by the National Estimates Board on 2 April. Terms of reference were discussed by the IAC representatives on 18 April. Contributions by Army (coordinating Defense) and the Office of Research and Reports have been received. Staff is drafting and awaiting State contribution.

12. NIE-35: Probable Developments in Indochina During the Remainder of 1951.

Priority: Routine

Estimated Date of Publication: 6 August

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Status: Scheduled on 26 April at the request of G-2. Terms of reference were discussed on 7 May. Drafts were reviewed by the IAC representatives on 20 and 31 July. Now ready for IAC consideration.

13. NIE-39: Psychological Impact of a Strategic Air Offensive Against the USSR.

Priority: Urgent

Estimated Date of Publication: Undetermined

Status: Pursuant to a request in early June by the Department of State, terms of reference were discussed at a meeting on 26 June. Contribution from the Department of Defense (prepared by Air Force) was received on 23 July. Awaiting State contribution.

14. NIE-40: Strategic Effects of a Soviet Acquisition of Western Europe and the Near East before 1953.

Priority: Routine

Estimated Date of Publication: Undetermined

Status: Awaiting agency contributions, which are due 17 October.

B. Other Items of Concern to the Committee

15. Biographic Intelligence

Problem: To suggest the most effective biographic facility for the Federal Intelligence System.

Status: No change since the last Progress Report.

16. Requirements

Problem: To develop adequate arrangements for providing coordinated requirements by priority for the various collection units.

Status: The IAC has approved the establishment and the terms of reference of the IAC sub-committee on covert requirements (known as the Interagency Priorities Committee, ref. IAC-D-28/1). Contributions are due from the agencies indicating critical targets as a first step in securing coordinated priorities.

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The Executive Order No. 10249, dated June 4, 1951, clarifies the responsibility of the State Department in administering the Foreign Service in respect of economic intelligence collection. Coordinated requirements of the intelligence agencies in this field will be produced through the Economic Intelligence Committee recently established in pursuance of NSCID 15.

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